

REMARKS

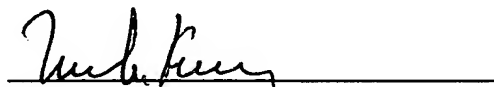
The indication that claims 1-6, 11 and 12 are allowed, and that claims 7-10 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form and that claims 7-10 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection regarding multiple dependency, is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, claims 7-10 have been amended to be in proper multiple dependent form dependent upon any one of claims 1 to 5, in a manner similar to multiple dependent claim 6, which the Examiner has recognized is in proper multiple dependent form and allowed. Thus, applicants submit that by the present amendment, claims 7-10 have been amended to overcome the objection indicated, and such claims, as amended, should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that in addition to allowed claims 1-6 and 11-12, claims 7-10 should now be in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (503.42953X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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